

# Go On an Adventure Without Leaving Home

by Alexandra Holley

As summer draws to a close, we reflect on all the fun we've had and the adventures we've gone on. This summer was certainly a unique one for children, parents and libraries. But despite all the changes we faced, libraries did their best to adapt. An adventure doesn't have to be a grand journey. It can be learning a new skill, trying something different, or exploring close to home. For those of us missing a more traditional adventure, books still offer us the opportunity to travel to far off places and times. Here are some great adventure chapter book series to start off fall.

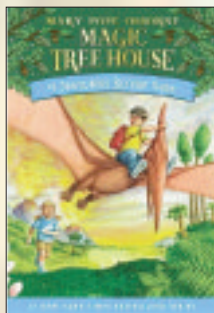
The *I Survived* series by Lauren Tarshis

One of the things I like best about this series is the way it illustrates the strength of the human spirit. The children in these books are faced with all sorts of disasters, from volcanoes to sinking ships, and they never lose hope. No matter how grim things seem there is always light at the end of the tunnel thanks to the main characters' determination and quick thinking. The books also teach readers about a variety of fascinating topics, while still taking them on an epic adventure. Those who enjoy nonfiction and learning new things will definitely enjoy this series.



The *Magic Tree House* series by Mary Pope Osborne

For early chapter book readers looking for an adventure, this series has something for everyone. Jack and Annie travel all over the world (and time) in order to help others using a very special tree house. No matter what your child's interest, there is bound to be a *Magic Tree House* book about something they enjoy. The series also offers nonfiction companion books for readers who want to learn



more about what they just read. This series has captivated young adventurers for 28 years and will likely continue to do so for 28 more.

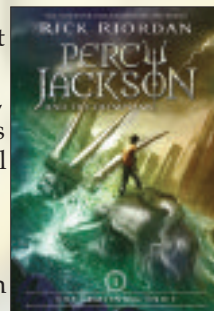
The *Enchanted Forest Chronicles* by Patricia C. Wrede

This delightful quartet of fractured fairy tale adventures are sure to impress middle grade readers. What if the princess didn't want to be rescued from the dragon? This is the unique and humorous premise of the first book in the *Enchanted Forest Chronicles*. Cimorene hates being a princess. She longs for adventure and freedom, and decides the best way to get it is by leaving home and finding a dragon. The series follows Cimorene's adventures as she meets an intriguing cast of loveable and humorous characters while confronting a variety of fairy tale clichés. This series is a great choice for readers who are fans of fantasy and humor.



The *Percy Jackson Series* by Rick Riordan

This series is a wonderful choice for readers looking for nonstop humor and adventure. Ordinary kid Percy discovers his connection to the Greek Gods and Goddesses of ancient mythology, and is quickly sent on an adventure of a lifetime. Throughout the series, Percy must fight monsters, navigate treacherous mazes and outwit all sorts of mythological foes. The series has several spinoffs with new and interesting characters, so readers will be able to enjoy these fun new takes on the old tales of the past for a very long time.



The *Framed* series by James Ponti

Who doesn't love a good heist? This action-packed series has something for everyone. In the first book,

readers follow Florian Bates as he helps to foil the plans of a devious art thief. Using the powers of observation, Florian and his best friend Margaret will have to outsmart a variety of cunning criminals. This book grabs readers' attention from the very first chapter and keeps them reading until the very end as they try to unmask the culprit right alongside Florian and Margaret. While



enjoying the action and a great sense of humor, readers will also learn about a variety of topics, such as art and history, making this series a well-rounded choice kids and parents are bound to love.

If you're interested in any of these titles, call the Bristol Public Library to use our Grab and Go service, or make an appointment today.

## Events at the Bristol Public Library

This fall we have a great selection of virtual programs at the Bristol Public Library Children's Department on Zoom and Facebook. We have something for everyone.

Monday Nights at 6 p.m. join us for *Mystery Monday*. Will you be able to figure out the craft before it's done?

Wednesday nights at 6 p.m. join us for our author of the week program where we will highlight some great authors and do a craft together.

Finally, be sure to check out our *Pokémon Club* on Zoom. Play Who's that Pokémon, test your knowledge with Pokémon trivia and try a new Pokémon craft each session. Log in for our first one on September 12 at 2 p.m. and our second one on October 12 at 2 p.m.

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